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1. Program for 1951

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a. Construction of 65 "Meringslogger"

With the delivery of 15 luggers from the Volkswerft St. alsund this target
will be reached in November. This is contingent, however, on the delivery
of rolled steel, of which there is a serious shortage.

b. Allocation for Ships' Repairs

Total of 12,000,000 DM.

The present situation for ship repairs and construction in the
dockyard is as follows:

Vessel	Type	Completion
EXLUG	Freight vessel (1,000 tons)	Earliest 6/11/51
POPOVICH	Ice-breaker	Earliest 6/11/51
NAUTAFON	Freight vessel (1,000 tons)	Earliest 8/9/51
?	Cable-ship (30-40 m. long)	90% completed by the end of year.
M.B. 27	Minesweeper (no name) 30 m. long.	Completed 30/8/51
KUDA	Fishing vessel (1,000 tons)	85% completed by 31/12/51
D.14)	Minesweeper	15/10/51
)	Ex-German	
D.15)		1/10/51

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c. Shipbuilding

Two keels are to be laid this year for two 2,000 BRT freight ships. The original program called for the keels to be laid in August. The date is now undetermined as the two ways on which the keels were to be laid, are still under construction and will not be completed until September or October.

2. Supplies

25X1 Rolled steel for ship construction and repairs must be of special quality (Schiffbauqualität - Güte St. 42). A small quantity of this steel comes [redacted] but the majority from the East Zone. Only in very special cases is steel from the USSR imported, and this is usually in the form of steel tubes. Most of the machinery and materials for larger construction comes from SAG or VEB factories in the Russian Zone. Most electrical equipment comes from the VEM and one of the biggest problems at the moment is the supply of compasses, which at present come from the Askania works in Berlin. 25X1 The Askania compasses are very poor and considered useless, so other sources of supply are being sought [redacted]

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